Supply policy of coal

6740. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entire supply policy of coal revolves round the bulk consumers and organised sectors;

(b) whether there is no mechanism or fixed policy for organised sector and cottage and small scale industries and Int. Bhatta Udyog; and

(c) whether any survey has been done by the Marketing Division of coal India Ltd. to assess the consumption of coal by organised sector such as power houses, steel plants etc. and unorganised sector as well as village and cottage industries etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Although bulk consumers including Power, Cement, Steel, Fertilizers and Railways Account for 85 per cent of coal supplies by Coal India Ltd., elaborate policy framework has been evolved for meeting the coal requirements of smaller consumers including cottage and small scale industries and 'Int. Bhatta Udyog.'

(c) Annual Assessment of sectoral coal consumption in the country is made by Planning Commission in consultation with whom sectoral annual demand targets are finalised.

The assessment of unit-wise demand are made by respective State Sponsoring Authorities for the non-core sector consumers and by concerned inter Ministerial bodies like Standing Linkage Committee (SLC) for core sector consumers such as power, cement and steel.

Foreign assistance for technology in coal sector

6741. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign investment has been sought from France, England, Canada, Germany, Australia, China and USA for technology in respect of blasting galleries and Longwall Sub-level Caving and for lignite mines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any assistance has been sought on turn key basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Currently no investment has been sought from England, Canada, Australia, China and USA for technology in respect of blasting gallery and longwall sub-level caving in coal mines and for lignite mines.

France is currently giving assistance for introduction of blasting gallery technology in two mines, namely, GDK-10 Incline and GDK-8 Incline, of Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL). Total contract value for these two projects is FF 63.65 million. GDK-10 Incline has since been completed and GDK-8 Incline is progressing as per schedule. Agreement includes a provision of performance guarantee for both these projects. Recently French Government have agreed to provide credit of FF 25 million for introduction of blasting gallery technology in VK-7 project of SCCL.

In lignite sector, Germany has been supplying technology and making available concessional credits. Bilateral discussions between India and Germany to obtain financial support for 1st Mine Expension Project and for other non-mining projects of Neyveli lignite Corporation are in progress. Foreign exchange component for the 1st Mine Expansion Project has been estimated at DM 227.48 Million. The Capacity of the lignite mine is proposed to be